

Harvey County Parks & Recreational Advisory Board
Minutes of
September 17, 2012 - West Park

Members Present: Larry Schmitt, Norman Alexander, Deb Cobb, Carol Buller, Derrick Richling, Pat Jackson, Zack Phillips, Dorothy Zook, Jerry Vetter, Terry Gowin

Members Absent: Jim Lasiter

Rangers Present: Kass Miller, Shannon Metz, Carol Dilts

Minutes: Minutes of the August meeting were approved as submitted.

Special Use Permits: Carl Jones & Carol Dilts Jones

Carl proposed to the park advisory board to hold a "self" bow making event at West Park.. "Harvey County, Kansas Bow Building Jamboree".

He said to his knowledge, nothing like this has been held in the State of Kansas. There are like events held in Missouri & Oklahoma and are very well attended from throughout the United States & other countries. The art of making bows is showing a resurgence of popularity and it is a craft that he would like to see continue. He passed around samples of the making of a bow in different stages, from the rough Osage wood, to the finished product of a well made bow. He also passed out an outline of what activities they would do as well as their mission statement "to further the skill and craft of archery bowbuilding with natural materials in a historical manner. He thinks for this first time, he would attract possibly 50 to 75 people. They would rent the Stone Shelter & do all their projects in that area. He would like to do this the last weekend of October & it would encompass a weekend - Friday, Saturday, with people departing on Sunday. There would be some shooting events as well and these would be supervised and in a designated area away from the hiking/horseback trails. Some of the questions comments made from the board:

- *What safety measures would be in place?
- * Would there be an admission fee for attendees?
- * Is this a non profit event?
- *What about insurance?

The main concern of the board was the insurance and that issue should be in place. Carl advised he would investigate. Zack Phillips suggested he check with the other people that have held this type of event & see how they handled their liability insurance. Jerry Vetter suggested he check with his organization to see if they would help or offer to assist with insurance. Kass advised that insurance would be required especially with the attendees using all types of hand tools to

make the bows. Jerry asked if there was an age limit. Carl replied that they have people from 3 to 93...definitely a family event. As for fees, if any are charged, they are mainly interested in collecting enough to pay for the rent of the shelter. Any monies left over will be donated to local charities. Kass asked if the Rhodes Foundation would donate toward the event; Larry said they are more interested in hunting aspect - but he would ask them. Kass reiterated that anytime an admission fee is charged for an event, it requires county commissioners approval.

After further discussion, the members felt it was a good thing for the park, but main concern would be for the liability insurance. Norman Alexander moved that the park board recommend this event if the issue of insurance could be resolved & that it be presented to the County Commissioners for final approval. Deb Cobb seconded. Shannon said she would get with Carl & Carol to further research this & then would get the presentation on the agenda of an upcoming county commission meeting. Shannon also felt this type of event would fall under the same guidelines as the Boy Scout jamboree that is held each year at West Park. Motion carried.

Park Staff Reports:

Camp Hawk: Kass: They are doing some tree trimming. Started painting the outside of the Shelter House.

East Lake: Kass: Ryan has given his 2 week notice - going to work for the Harvey County Extension Office. Still under green algae warning at the lake.

West Park: Shannon: Been having a lot of campers - also still under green algae warning. Get ready for the winter months, etc.

Committee Reports:

Fishing, Boating & Hunting: Norman: Fishing not too bad. Norman said he caught a 13" small mouth bass at Jetty 3 at East Lake. Dorothy also reported some campers have been catching some nice channel.

Facilities Roads & Grounds -Shannon: They got the final bid for boxes, wiring, etc for the 7 new pads at West Park. They went with Big A out of Newton with best bid. Kass will let Rick come over from East Lake to help finish up the pads. Carol asked if these would be used for extended stay camping. Shannon commented that the commissioners want them to review the extended stay camping. She said she is in favor of adding more as they have a waiting list & this, and she does not want to use the first come, first serve pads for extended stay campers. This brings in approximately \$4,000 in revenue to the park. Those wanting extended stay, pay an additional \$75 per month for this priviledge.

Land Park Use & Resource Management: Shannon reported the house at West Park is being remodeled & they are in hopes to get it done & rented before winter.

Old Business:

Jerry asked about the new brochure. Carol replied we will meet after we adjourn to

